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Re: WT Docket No. 05-286 – Sprint Nextel request for waiver of GPS handset penetration requirement

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Dickinson County Emergency Communications Center operating in Dickinson County, Kansas, provides the citizens of our community with Enhanced 911 ("E911") services. The provision of emergency response in times of need is vital to our citizens. We commend the FCC for its efforts to help drive the implementation of wireless E911 location technology to help make our emergency response efforts more effective. We have worked with Sprint to implement wireless E911 services in our area to offer our citizens the benefits of wireless E911 location technology. We have been impressed this companies' commitment to deploying this lifesaving technology, and are confident that the new Sprint Nextel will be as committed to public safety as Sprint has itself been in the past.

Sprint, and the new Sprint Nextel, have been actively involved in the partnership between PSAPs and industry that is so critical to ensure timely and effective deployment of E911 Phase II service. Although Sprint Nextel has encountered difficulties in reaching the FCC's 95% handset deployment goal, from our point of view, it has made meaningful efforts to comply with the FCC's E911 deployment rules and guidelines.

As the FCC considers Sprint Nextel's current petition, we ask that the information provided above regarding its efforts to date be considered as evidence of Sprint Nextel's coordination and cooperation with us on E911 deployment.

Sincerely,

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